Carnegie Medal

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902 Chestnut Street
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October 20, 1906.

Mr. William Poillon, Curator,
American Numismatic & Archaeological Society,
156th St., west of Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favor of the 18th instant, and in reply would refer you to Mr. F. M. Wilmot, Manager, The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, Carnegie Building, Pittsburgh, Penna., as no medal can be issued without an order from the Commission.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Caldwell & Co

October 25 1906

F. M. Wilmot Esqr, Manager
The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission
Carnegie Building
Pittsburg Pa

Dear Sir:-

Would it be possible to have a specimen of the Carnegie Medal placed in the Cabinet of this Society for permanent Exhibition?

I enclose herewith a circular relating to our collections of American medals and to information that we are trying to obtain on that subject.

Any help that you can give us in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

I send you under separate cover a copy of our last annual report.

Very truly yours

Herman H. Field
Recording Secretary

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY,
1271 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

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American Insignia, comprising, first, decorations conferred by the United States Government; and by the different states and cities, for military service; second, the insignia—or badges of members and officers—of the various Military and Hereditary Societies, form a branch of American Numismatics which has not in the past received the attention it deserves.

A collection of such insignia should be placed where it would be permanent and accessible to students of Numismatics and of American History.

Many of the societies which should be represented in such a collection have gone out of existence and their insignia is now most difficult to obtain; others have adopted new disigns, and the same difficulty confronts any effort to procure those that have been abandoned. In the future this difficulty will increase; other societies which are now active will die out, and, as time goes on, a collection of this kind will become of greater value and interest, and will be the means of preserving much numismatic history that might otherwise be lost.

In the spring of 1900, this Society undertook the formation of a collection of this kind, as distinct from its collections of other American medals, and it now has, in addition to the principal Government decorations, the insignia of a majority of the more important and many of the smaller active societies, also of a number of the societies which have ceased to exist. Within the narrow limits to which it is confined, this collection, probably, has no equal: many valuable specimens have been donated by the societies they represent.

Being an incorporated body and the most important numismatic society in America, its collections are permanent, and it is in a position to guarantee that any insignia that it may receive will not at any time go out of its possession and get into the hands of private parties. It is hoped that societies which restrict the issue of their insignia to members only, will, in view of the facts stated above, waive that rule in favor of this Society.

This Committee was appointed for the purpose of carrying on this work in a thorough and systematic manner. Its success has, so far, been most satisfactory, but there is still much to be accomplished, and it would earnestly request the co-operation of the members of the Society and of all others who are in sympathy with its efforts to preserve numismatic and historical records.

BAUMAN L. BELDEN,
GEORGE F. KUNZ,
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Committee on American Insignia.

Carnegie Hero Fund Commission,

OFFICE; CARNEGIE BUILDING,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

F. M. WILMOT,
MANAGER.

October 27th, 1906.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden, Recording Secy.,
The American Numismatic & Archaeological Society,
HispanicSociety Bldg., 156th St., West of Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of 25th inst., requesting specimen of the Carnegie medal, to be placed on exhibition by your Society, which will be presented to the Executive Committee at its next meeting for action, of which I will promptly advise you.

A copy of your last annual report came duly to hand this morning, for which please accept my thanks.

Yours very truly,

F. M. Wilmot

Manager.

November 5. 1906

F. H. Wilmot Eng. Manager
Carnegie Steel Fund Commission
Pittsburg Pa

Dear Sir:-

Please accept my thanks for your kind
letter of 7th inst. and believe me

Very truly yours

Raymond A. Pelton

Rec. Sec.

Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

OFFICE; CARNEGIE BUILDING,

F. M. WILMOT,
MANAGER.

Pittsburgh, Pa., November 12th, 1906.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden, Recording Secy.,
The American Numismatic & Archaeological Society,
Hespanic Society Bldg., 156th St., West of Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to my letter of October 27th, I beg to inform you that your request for a specimen of the Carnegie medal was considered at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission held on Wednesday of last week, and I was instructed to inform you that the Committee felt that as no medals have been distributed as yet, it could not see its way clear to consider your request favorably at this time, nor, indeed, could it hold out any encouragement for the favorable consideration later.

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

F. M. Wilmot

Manager.